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1.)To push for the immediate constitution of the long overdue Review Board to oversee the release of all classied documents on the murder of John Kennedy.

2.)Concurrent with this process-and not to contravene it-the appointment of an office of Independent Consul to conduct full-fledged, uncompromised criminal investigations into the assassinations of the three leaders named above.

3.)To amend the current Freedom of Information Act to make it more difficult to keep future covert operations secret.

4.)To begin a process of educating the American public about the true facts surrounding these murders.

5.)To attempt to unify all other groups in the research community-and all other groups interestd in these cases-under a common banner.

6.)To organize local affiliates to further these aims and give the American people the truth of their recent history.

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1. To ensure that a Review Board is constituted to oversee the release of all classified documents concerning the murder of President Kennedy.
2. To demand, along with the aforementioned Review Board, the appointment of an Office of Independent Counsel to conduct full, uncompromising criminal investigations into the assassinations of the three leaders named above.
3. To amend the current Freedom of Information Act to render future covert actions more difficult to hide.
4. To educate the American public about these murders.
5. To unify under a common banner all other groups researching these cases.
6. To organize local affiliates which will further these aims and give the American people the truth of their recent history.

New Confessions in the JFK Assassination?

Lee Harvey Oswald admitted his employment by the Office of Naval Intelligence and other espionage agencies — or so claims formerly-'deceased' researcher Ted Gandolfo (see accompanying story).

Gandolfo made his assertions on Roy Tuckman's *Something's Happening* program, broadcast June 13, 1993 on Los Angeles radio station KPFK, a Pacifica affiliate. According to Gandolfo, Captain Will Fritz of the Dallas police secretly recorded the entire fourteen hours of Oswald's interrogation, then suppressed the tapes.

Two assassination researchers reportedly now possess these tapes and will make them available at a major press conference on November 22, 1993. "Every tree in the forest will fall," Gandolfo says.

Speaking on the same program a week earlier, JFK investigator Robert Groden also referred to the secret Oswald confessions. According to Groden, a "right-winger" has possessed these important recordings for a number of years.

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THE GANDOLFO RESURRECTION

JFK assassination researchers in Los Angeles were startled to hear the voice of well-known investigator/collector Ted Gandolfo on KPFK's *Something's Happening* show, June 13 1993. Gandolfo's obituary had appeared in the March 3, 1993 issue of Paul Hoch's journal *Echoes of Conspiracy*. Hoch invited his readers to send expressions of sympathy "or donations" to the late researcher's widow, Anita Piaggio Gandolfo. In a recent letter, Anita Piaggio Gandolfo confirmed her husband's passing. Yet, as in the legend of El Cid, the corpse continues to do battle. Now *that's* dedication! If you wish to send condolences or questions, write the 'late' Ted Gandolfo at 857-D Garfield Street, Franklin Square, NY 11010.

Bert Hullin's / Agnoseth Alert working this up!

Dallas police have always insisted that they neither recorded the interview nor took any notes.

Although he has not heard the tapes himself, Gandolfo reports that Oswald admitted "he was in the Office of Naval Intelligence; he was a CIA contract employee with the number 110669, and that he was a paid FBI informer, paid $200 dollars a month, with the number S-172."

Gandolfo also played a telephone interview with the late Jim Garrison, recorded during the House Select Committee on Assassinations hearings. Garrison reported that HSCA researchers had obtained a confession from a participant in pre-assassination planning meetings.

Garrison felt that revealing this new information "would get the investigators here, who are communicating with me, in trouble, and then they would get fired. I wish I could tell you how far they've gone, the progress they've made. It's past conspiracy; it's past *prima facie* — it's solid evidence. On tape. But [chief counsel G. Robert] Blakey seems to have cotton in his ears." According to Garrison, HSCA investigator Clifford Fenton had procured a taped confession from a participant in a pre-assassination planning meeting. Blakey, Garrison charged, suppressed this evidence.

Gandolfo told the KPFK audience that the confessed assassination accomplice was Thomas Beckham. According to Gandolfo, Beckham had provided Fenton with maps of the Dealey Plaza firing zones and names of the conspirators, including convicted Watergate burglar Frank Sturges.

Gandolfo reports that Beckham, acting under CIA auspices, sat in on conspiratorial meetings held in No-Name Key, in the Florida Everglades. Other participants in these meetings allegedly included Harry Dean, Richard Case Nagel, Emilio Santana, Jack Lawrence ("a crack shot from the West Coast"), and Jim Hicks.

After Fenton submitted his report, Blakey assigned two men to take Beckham's testimony. "They scared him to death," says Gandolfo. "They made him keep backtracking and backtracking. He knew that he was in hostile territory."

Clifford Fenton reportedly now fears for his life and refuses to discuss his work for the HSCA. Gandolfo has implored Attorney General Janet Reno to send an investigator to search for the Fenton report among the classified HSCA documents at the National Archives. According to Gandolfo, Reno assented to this request.

Robert Morrow's books *First-Hand Knowledge* and *The Senator Must Die* both make intriguing references to Fenton's investigations. According to Morrow, Fenton had uncovered a CIA operative willing to present evidence directly implicating Garrison's chief suspects, David Ferrie and Clay Shaw.

The Assassinations Archives and Research Center possesses a document written by Thomas Edward Beckham, in which he describes how, as a youth of 16 in 1959, he came under the influence of Jack Martin and Guy Banister (who also employed Oswald). Martin encouraged Beckham to adopt the pose of a "priest" in the Old Catholic Church. His ministry was actually a front for anti-Castro Cuban activities.

In the AARC document, Beckham states that he overheard these Cuban rebels discuss the possible assassination of President Kennedy.

After the assassination, Beckham became partners with the bizarre Fred Lee Crisman, who had worked in New Orleans with Banister and Martin during 1963. During his investigation of the JFK assassination, Jim Garrison received a purported internal CIA document which identified Crisman as an intelligence operative assigned to domestic duties. A number of assassination researchers believe that Crisman strongly resembled the eldest of the three tramps arrested on November 22, 1963.

Get with the program!

Garrison subpoenaed Crisman to appear before a New Orleans Grand Jury on Novemeber 21, 1968. Crisman, then living in the state of Washington, had become a far-right radio commentator under the pseudonym John Gold. He evaded extradition; however, reporters discovered that Crisman and Beckham co-owned seven businesses which employed no-one and provided no goods or services.

Crisman told Seattle reporters that Beckham had functioned as a banker for the anti-Castro underground.

Fred Lee Crisman died in 1976.

Thomas Edward Beckham still lives. An occasional country/western singer, he may be operating under the pseudonym Mark Evans. ✦

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RFK IN HOLLYWOOD

Chesera Films, working out of the Paramount Studios lot, has expressed some interest in the case. As yet, there is no production deal scheduled. John Anderson (yes, the same fellow who ran for President) has involved himself in this effort.

Jostelyn/Carson productions of Toluca Lake has finished shooting on an RFK film, centered on Sirhan Sirhan and entitled *Cry For Justice*. According to rumor, they've found the infamous gun owned by Thane Eugene Cesar, supposedly "lost" for a number of years.

Bernie Sefronsky, producer of the recently-completed *Marina's Story*, has made tentative inquiries to the literary agent representing William Turner and Jonn Christian's book ***The Assassination of Robert F. Kennedy***. A good book that would make a good film. We'll keep you posted on this one.

The buzz around town is that the USC film school's "Lucas" wing is working with **Lucasfilm's Skywalker Ranch** facilities on a reconstruction of the RFK shooting. This strictly-scientific re-enactment is based on recently-discovered audio tapes from the night of the assassination.

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Tom Davis continues to make available impossible-to-find material. For a catalogue, send two unattached stamps to: Tom Davis Books, POB 1107, Aptos, CA 95001-1107

Special thanks go to **Andy and Linda Wynarzciak** at the Last Hurrah Bookshop in Pennsylvania, two of the nicest people we've ever met. They have always proved unusually friendly and helpful, and their dedication to a purposeful life is infectious. We here at CTKA+ only hope that our efforts can match their years of dedication and service. (For a catalogue, write to: Last Hurrah Bookshop, 937 Memorial Ave, Williamsport, PA 17701.)

This month's *Unsung Hero Award* goes to **Bob Johnson**, Los Angeles-area book merchant. Almost everyone researching these cases has come into contact with Bob Johnson at one time or another. If you need that long-forgotten newsclip, that obscure magazine article, or that ultra-rare book, Bob is your man. He's a tremendous source of early material on the case, and always seems to have on hand that tiny piece of data you've been seeking for God-knows-how-long. Never self-serving, he has often lent a sympathetic ear to frustrated researchers. Every serious L.A.-area investigator owes a lot to this true unsung hero. Thanks, Bob — and your cape is in the mail.

DALLAS TRIP

Anyone in the Los Angeles area interested in joining our "Train Trip to Dallas" for the November symposium should contact CTKA+ as soon as possible. Seats are going fast, and space is limited. We must make reservations on a first-come, first-served basis. Join a group of experts, authors, and concerned citizens as we take over an entire section of a train. We'll have plenty of time to discuss pertinent aspects of the case before, during, and after the 30th anniversary.

And finally...

JFK'S FIRST DEATH

William Poundstone's *Biggest Secrets* (mentioned in the "Upcoming Books" section) revives a story which first appeared in 1983. According to Ralph G. Martin's *A Hero for Our Time*, Kennedy scripted an amateur movie depicting his own murder — just three months before the actual event. Filmed in Newport, Rhode Island, on property owned by Jackie's parents, the motion picture depicts the President getting off a yacht, then clutching his chest and falling to the ground. Jackie daintily steps over the body.

Author Martin said of Kennedy, "He had a feeling about death. He'd come back from a trip and say, 'Thank God I wasn't killed today.'"

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